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SUBJECT: TENG SPEECH AT UNGA

SUMMARY: CAPPING AN ACTIVE SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC APPEARANCES SINCE HIS REHABILITATION, VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING AT THE UN SPECIAL SESSION SOUGHT TO STRIKE A VIGOROUS BUT MODES POSE FOR THE PRC AS CHAMPION OF THE THIRD WORLD. IN CONTEXT, HIS SPEECH WAS ALSO MODERATELY WORDED AND RE-ASSERTED THE CHINESE WORLD VIEW AS IT HAS EMERGED OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS. TENG'S UN PERFORMANCE SERVED TO BOOST HIS OWN POLITICAL STOCK. END SUMMARY.

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1. TENG HSIAO-PING'S APRIL 10 SPEECH AT UNGA SPECIAL

SESSION ATTEMPTED TO INSPIRE THE THIRD WORLD BUT ALSO TO MOLLIFY SUSPICIONS OF PRC PRESUMPTIVENESS OR ULTERIOR MOTIVES. TENG SEEMED TO US TO STRIKE A TOUGH AND CONFIDENT BUT MODES POSE, APPROPRIATE TO THE MIGHTIEST CHAMPION OF THE THIRD WORLD CAUSE. TENG EVEN ACKNOWLEDGED THE THEORETICAL POSSIBILITY THAT CHINA COULD TURN FROM ITS PRESENT BENEVOLENT PATH AND HE URGED THE WORLD TO STRUGGLE AGAINST IT IF THIS SHOULD HAPPEN. THE SPEECH WAS STRIKINGLY NON-IDEOLOGICAL, PURGED OF ANY REFERENCE TO "REACTIONARY FORCES," "INTERNATIONAL PROLETARIANISM," ETC. TENG'S POSITION ON THE ECONOMIC QUESTIONS WERE, IN THE CONTEXT, ALSO MODERATELY PHRASED. FOR EXAMPLE, HE CALLED FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES "GRADUALLY" TO SHAKE OFF THE CONTROL OF FOREIGN CAPITAL. HE CAREFULLY AVOIDED THE TONE OF ISSUING ULTIMATUMS. HIS DEFINITION OF SELF-RELIANCE, WHICH EMPHASIZED THE DISTINCTIONS THAT HAD TO BE MADE BETWEEN THE SITUATIONS IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, WAS RELATIVELY LIBERAL.

2. AS EXPECTED, TENG ADDRESSED THE WORLD SCENE IN TERMS OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE SUPERPOWERS BUT SINGLED OUT THE SOVIETS AS ESPECIALLY VICIOUS. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A BRIEF QUALIFICATION, HE ALSO AVOIDED TARGETING THE SECOND-RANK INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES AND LUMPED THEM AMONG THE VICTIMS OF THE SUPERPOWERS. HE DID NOT HARP ON THE RICH-POOR THEME. THUS TENG'S MODEL--THE SUPERPOWERS OPPOSING AND EXPLOITING ALL THE REST--WAS CONSISTENT WITH THE CHINESE WORLD VIEW AS IT HAS EMERGED OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS.

3. THE STRONG, STRAIGHTFORWARD REASSERTION OF THIS MODEL--IN PARTICULAR TENG'S PROCLAMATION THAT THE THIRD WORLD IS TODAY BOTH A "REVOLUTIONARY MOTIVE FORCE" AND "THE MAIN FORCE" COMBATING IMPERIALISM AND THE SUPERPOWERS--SUGGESTS THAT IT IS A WELTANSCHAUUNG PRESENTLY EMBRACED BY A FIRM CONSENSUS IN THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP. FROM HERE, TENG'S NEW DEBUT ON THE WORLD STAGE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN AN IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCE. HIS UN ADDRESS CAPS A STRING OF HIGH VISIBILITY DOMESTIC APPEARANCES THAT FOLLOWED HIS REHABILITATION LAST YEAR AND ENHANCES TENG'S STATURE AS A RANKING PRC LEADER.

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